



# State of the Nation Report 2025

## Adroddiad Cyflwr y Genedl 2025

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# Why, What, When and How?

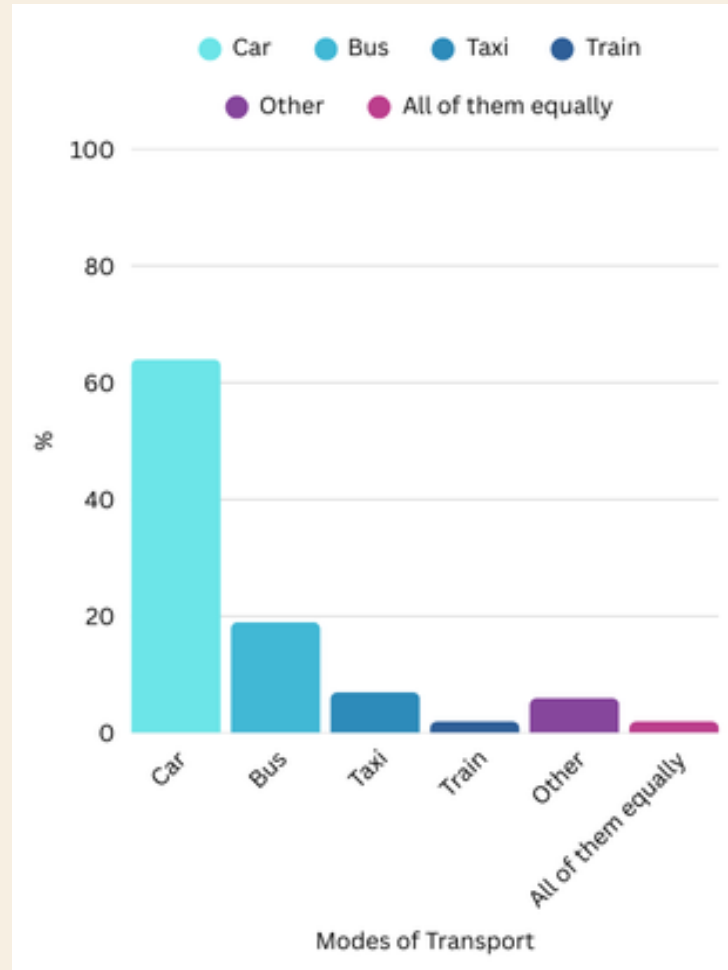
- We wanted to hear from people with a learning disability in Wales about some of the issues which matter to them.
- We launched a survey in June during Learning Disability Week in the Senedd. The survey closed in November.
- We had a total of 427 responses. From these, 236 were eligible to be used in the report.
- We launched the report at an event in the Senedd on the International Day of Disabled People



# What you told us about Transport

- **Nearly a third (30%)** of people with learning disability who responded don't use public transport.

What type of transport do you use the most?





# What you told us about Transport

- **Nearly a third (31%)** of people with a learning disability who responded don't have a bus pass.

*"Because I haven't got enough points to claim for one"*

*"Scored low PIP"*

*"I have had taken off me".*

- **Most people with a learning disability** who responded **(52%)** did not have a Companion Travel Card (Companion Pass).

# What you told us about Transport

- **Nearly a third of people with a learning disability who responded (30%) were not able to use cash to buy a ticket, food or drink on public transport.**

***"Only card to buy refreshment from the trolley"***

***"I don't understand the value of cash due to my learning disability and need support".***

# What you told us about Transport

People shared their experiences of accessing public transport in rural areas:-

*"I live in the country, we have 2 buses a week so I use my car most days to access the community".*

*"I am unable to use public transport on my own and we are also very rural with few bus services".*

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People also shared their experiences on the accessibility of public transport:-

*"Transport not accessible for my wheelchair".*

*"If using a wheelchair bus drivers helpful with ramp but difficult to move wheelchair in such tight space".*

# Next Steps

- We will be sharing these findings with all political parties ahead of the Senedd Election in May 2026.
- We will be sharing the report with Elected Representatives.
- We will be undertaking a thematic analysis in the new year to pick out the key themes from the open text responses.



# No Journey Left Behind

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so they can make decisions for better lives as well.